Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Vivian Brown was born on May 6, 1908, at Florence, South Dakota, and grew up on a farm where she developed a love for animals; and,

Whereas, Vivian was educated in the Florence school system and received her teaching credentials from Northern State Normal at Aberdeen, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Vivian married Roy Brown on November 3, 1936, and to that union one daughter, Gayla, was born, and their lives were further blessed by four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Vivian and Roy engaged in a farming operation near Florence, and Vivian was an active member of the First United Methodist Church at Florence, having held numerous officer positions in the United Methodist Women's group; and,

Whereas, Vivian now resides at Jenkins Living Center in Watertown, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2008, as

VIVIAN BROWN DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State